

# Royal British Legion

## Falkland Islands Branch

### Committee Meeting Minutes. 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Present: Chris Locke (Chairman)  
Mark Brook (Vice Chairman and Poppy Co-ordinator)  
Lee Martin (Treasurer)  
Dave Lewis  
John Maskell-Bott  
Richard Hyslop (Membership Secretary)  
Nancy Locke (Secretary)

Apologies for Absence: Lisa Martin, Sarah Maskell-Bott, Keith Biles, Bob French

1. The draft Minutes of the last Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were approved. Correction to paragraph 4 (Vice Chair report) Charlie Corly should read Charlie Carty.
2. Matters arising:
  - Minutes are now being emailed to all members as from last month by the Secretary. If required the Secretary will also post minutes to anyone without email.
3. Chairman's report:
  - Warm welcome to Richard Hyslop who has taken on the new role as membership secretary.
  - The Branch has received an unexpected legacy for £1000 specified to be used for GP 90, as a result Chairman has booked a provisional place for Liam and Wendy Shelbourne for the event in August.
  - Ex-Atlantic Battlefield Legacy (senior FI war military veterans and current serving personnel visiting the Islands on exercise in March. Richard Hyslop and John Maskell-Bott plus Chair are attending 17th March reception at FIDF Hall.
  - Dining out for Annie Bailey, Lisa will arrange a date in April.
  - Email access for the new Committee will be requested from Bob French.
  - This year's Poppy Ball will focus on end of World War One. A discussion followed on the launch of 'There but Not There' being led by the Museum.
  - Rugby was screened in the Poppy Inn for one weekend only due to the lack of bar staff on subsequent weekends.
  - The RBL Annual Conference will be held 19 – 20 May in Belfast. John and Sarah are not able to attend this year.
4. Vice Chairman's Report:
  - Wreaths have gone to MPA for Ex-Atlantic Battlefield Legacy
  - CWO will contact RBL HQ regarding his offer to undertake on a permanent basis the role of Overseas Wreath Layer.

- One remaining RFA wreath available in the store for Chair if required for forthcoming events.
- Charlie Carty's wreath has been delivered for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 11am for Welsh Guards memorial event at Fitzroy.
- Liberty Lodge require more wooden crosses, they will be asking for a donation of at least £1. Alison Dodd will bank the funds directly.
- Anticipated there will be 15 C and a number of D wreaths spare for the rest of year. An additional ordered of 50 wreaths has been made for future events.
- Chairman thanked Vice for his work on the wreaths noting that it's a relentless task.
- CWO will organise Overseas Wreaths for June.

5. Secretary's report:

- A letter has yet to be sent to Lifestyle reference last year's Poppy Ball sponsorship. However it was noted that a donation from the UK was anticipated.

6. Treasurer's report:

- Chair welcomed the new Treasurer, Lee Martin, who apologised that the bank statements were old, however the balances on the Branch's bank accounts are healthy: with an unexpected income of a legacy cheque from Marian Ada Edwards of £1000 (see above).
- Bank mandate will be changed to remove Annie Bailey and add Lee Martin and Richard Hyslop.
- Insurance should be transferred upon renewal later in the year which Lee will organise.
- Chair thanked Lee for taking on the Treasurer responsibilities.

7. Social Secretary's Report:

- Lisa's representative said CMLO eventually responded to say that nothing has been planned for this year's Armed Forces Day. Committee supports Lisa's plan for the day and will assist as much as possible, unfortunately Chair, Secretary and Dave Lewis will all be away in June.
- Informal dinner being taken forward with a date in Annie's diary.

8. Welfare Report:

- Opportunity to highlight the welfare side of RBL as a part of AFD, Chair to consider a note in PN nearer the time.

9. AOB

- The branch have been approached by the RAF 100 Baton Relay team if we could assist with the event in June. They also requested a list of ex-military personnel who may be interested in the project. Chair to contact GH who he understands may hold such a list.
- Chair reported that Gary Clement had mentioned to him that the new CBF may be willing to rescind the Veteran Card issue. This has been acknowledged but the Committee felt it appropriate to wait for the UK Veteran Cards to be delivered.

- GP90, Chair has asked Liam/Wendy to provide pictures and article to publish in PN following the trip, it was suggested that information from Museum plus information about people who came from the Falklands who served in the First World War be passed to them to share.
- RBL currently has no discount on our adverts in PN or on the Radio. Treasurer will approach both media outlets and seek a discount on the grounds of our charity status.
- Chair thanked John for being here; it was good to see him back with the Committee.

**10. The next meeting of the Committee to be Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 6:30 pm in the Poppy Inn.**

Chris Locke  
Chairman

Apologies in advance for next meeting from Richard Hyslop, John Maskell Bott,